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Steens Mountain Recreation Plan available for public input

HINES, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, has prepared and released for public input, the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP): an Environmental Assessment (EA) for expected recreational activities and associated facilities that may be desired in the Steens Mountain area, including, but not limited to: campgrounds, trails, interpretive sites, access points, viewing areas and dispersed recreation opportunities. Among other things, if it is determined to be in the best public interest, the Steens Mountain CRP final decision may add to the non-motorized trail system and could close non-motorized or motorized routes designated under the Steens Mountain Travel Management Plan.

Eric Haakenson, CRP project lead, said, “Anyone interested in the future of recreation on Steens Mountain should give the CRP a read. The plan analyzes a number of things that could change or enhance your recreation experience in the area. We welcome any input – positive or critical – on the proposed activities and facilities.”

All documents pertaining to the CRP are available in hard copy at the BLM Burns District Office at the address listed below, online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php, and at the Harney County Library – 80 W D St, Burns, Oregon. If you have comments, questions or input regarding the EA, submit them postmarked by May 3, 2014, to Eric Haakenson, Outdoor Recreation Planner:

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After consideration of your constructive, substantive comments, a decision outlining the action(s) to be taken within the scope of the EA will be developed and issued. For further information about the Steens Mountain CRP, or to have your name added to the project mailing list, contact the CRP Project Lead at 541-573-4400.

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